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V.F. - L.U. Homecoming

Welcome Homecomers

Langston Celebrates Homecoming

"Focusing on the Future" is the theme for Homecoming Week at Langston University October 9-14. Many activities are planned to delight the 1972 Homecomers.

The main events will start with the Coronation and the Coronation Ball on Thursday, October 12. The Ball will be held in Gayles Gymnasium at 8:30 p.m. All the Sweethearts on Langston's campus will be honored during the Coronation. The sweethearts and their escorts will be dressed in African attire.

Miss Ruby Hardin, a senior Elementary Education major from Memphis, Tenn. is Miss Langston for 1972. The Coronation Ball will follow the crowning of Miss Langston.

Hospitality Hour for Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Friends will be held Friday, Oct. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Faculty Clubhouse.

The Langston University annual Senate Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held Friday evening from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., in the Harrison Library. Another Hospitality Hour will follow from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Faculty Clubhouse.

A Pre-Dawn Dance will be held in the Hale Student Union Building from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The Alumni Senate Meeting will resume Saturday morning, from 8:00 to 10:00 in Harrison Library.

The Parade, in which campus organizations vie for prize-winning floats, will start at 11:00 a.m. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the organizations whose floats best depict the Homecoming theme.

The University will sponsor an Open House of all residence halls from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday.

Kick-off time is 2:00 p.m. The spectators will see the Langston Lions, pitted against the Southeastern State College Savages. Last year, Langston defeated the Panhandle Aggies 42-27.

Kool and the Gang will be featured in two concerts Homecoming evening, at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The price of admission for guests will be \$2.50. The concerts will be held in the I. W. Young Auditorium.

The Homecoming Dance will be held in Gayles Gymnasium. Admission for guests is \$1.50.

Homecoming tickets are now on sale for the football game. The price is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students, and \$1.00 for children.

Limited housing will be available for Homecomers on the Langston University campus. The fee is \$5.00 per person, plus \$2.50 linen and key deposit. Those interested in campus housing should contact the Student Development Center, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma 73050.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1972

Coronation - Gayles Gymnasium - African Attire 8:30 p.m.
Coronation Ball - Gayles Gymnasium - Follows Coronation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1972

Hospitality Hours - Faculty Clubhouse 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Senate Meeting - Harrison Library 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Hospitality Hours - Faculty Clubhouse 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Pre-Dawn Dance - Hale Student Union 2:00 - 6:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1972

Senate Meeting - Harrison Library 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Parade 11:00 a.m.
Open House (All Dorms) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
FOOTBALL GAME - Langston Lions vs. Southeastern Savages (Anderson Field) 2:00 p.m.
Concert - Kool and the Gang - I. W. Young Aud. 6:30 p.m.
Concert - Kool and the Gang - I. W. Young Aud. 8:30 p.m.
Admission for Guests - \$2.50
Homecoming Dance - Gayles Gymnasium
Admission for Guests - \$1.50 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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Ruby Hardin
Miss Langston University

Miss Ruby Hardin has been chosen Miss Langston University for the 1972-73 school year. Miss Hardin is a senior from Memphis, Tennessee. She is majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in Foreign Language.

Miss Hardin is very active in campus activities. She is a member of Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities for 1972, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Elementary Education Club, Student Education Association, L.U. Dance Majorettes, and a prospective member of Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society.

Miss Hardin's future plans include furthering her education at Memphis State University in Memphis or the University of Indiana in Terre Haute, concentrating in the area of guidance and counseling.

Miss Hardin was featured on the "Now Generation" television program on Channel 5, KOCO-TV, on Sunday, October 8, 1972 at 12:00. She also appeared on the "Ida B Show" which will air on Thursday, October 12, 1972 at 8:30 a.m. also on KOCO-TV, Channel 5.

Miss Hardin will be crowned on Thursday night, October 12, during the annual Coronation of Miss Langston. The Coronation will be held in Gayles Gymnasium at 8:30. The dress is African attire, preferably. Immediately following the Coronation, the Coronation Ball will be held in the Gayles Gymnasium.

Miss Langston will also be the center of attraction during the half-time performance on Saturday, October 14, at the Langston vs. Southeastern State football game. Kick-off time is 2:00 p.m.



Raycene Brown
Miss Football Queen

Miss Raycene Brown has been selected 1972-73 Football Queen for Langston University. Miss Brown is a senior from Detroit, Michigan majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Education.

Miss Brown has been very active in campus activities. She is a former president of Gandy Hall, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and has been a member of the Langston University cheerleaders for three years.

After receiving a degree from Langston in Physical Education Miss Brown plans to return to Detroit and attend Wayne State University Medical School. She hopes to obtain

a certificate in Physical Therapy and enter the field of a General Medical Practitioner.

Miss Brown will be presented during the Coronation, Oct. 12 and during half-time of the Langston Lions and the Southeastern State Savages football game Oct. 14. Kick-off time is 2:00 pm.

LANGSTONITES!!

DON'T MISS KOOL AND

THE GANG IN CONCERT

I. W. YOUNG AUD.

6:30 and 8:30 p.m.



Convocation

Dr. Thomas English was the speaker at the Formal Opening of Langston University for the 1972-73 academic year. The ceremony was held Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. in I. W. Young Auditorium.

Dr. English is presently the Executive Director of the Oklahoma City County Community Action Program, Inc.

Dr. English completed his undergraduate degree at Langston University, and received his Masters and Doctoral degree from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Prior to his present position, Dr. English was a principal in the Oklahoma City School System, and principal at Booker T. Washington in Cushing, Oklahoma. Dr. English also had classroom and administrative experience in the Ada, Public Schools in Ada, Oklahoma.

Dr. English is a member of the Oklahoma County and State Community Coordinated Child Care Program; Deputy Director of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masonry, Oklahoma Jurisdiction; State President of the Oklahoma CAP Directors Association; Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Progress Association for Economic Development. He is also a member of Judge Bohannon's Bi-racial Committee for Implementation of the Finger Plan, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a member of the Oklahoma Chapter NAACP, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Dr. English also serves as a deacon board member and chairman of the bus ministry at St. John Baptist Church.

Homecoming Theme

Home coming is scheduled for October 14. In order for this to be another memorable occasion it is up to all Langstonites to put forth the true make this event worthy of the University's proud history.

The theme for this year celebration is "Focusing of the Future". Prizes will be awarded for the three best floats, which will be judged on adherence to the theme, color schemes and general attractiveness. First prize will be \$80.00; second prize, \$50.00; and third prize, \$30.00.

Two prizes will be awarded for the most uniquely decorated cars which relate to the theme. First prize will be placed in some conspicuous place on campus, preferably at the entrance drives. These signs should be large enough to read at a distance and mounted on frames which can be staked into the ground. Example: The Art Club Welcomes Alumni and Friends. These signs will be non-competitive.

Organizations will be allowed to have booths on campus for the sale of various items, such as shakers, pennants, car tags, etc. No food or drink is to be sold.

All floats, cars, and booths should be registered no later

than October 12 with Mrs. Ruth Swain, Chairman (Office 204 Moore Hall). NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN FOR PARADE POSITIONS.

The English Club is now the owner of the Alumni Trophy which is held after three consecutive wins. A new Alumni Trophy will be presented to this year's first place winner. This trophy will be retained if won by the same organization for three consecutive years.

This year Homecoming Committee is composed of Mrs. Ruth E. Swain, Chairman, Mrs. Martha Brown, Miss Sheila Bunting, Mr. Jim Glover, Mrs. Ally Mack, Mr. Harold Toliver, and Mrs. Ann West.

The Langston University National Alumni Board of Directors met on Sept. 9th at Langston University. The meeting consisted of routine business and an announcement of the beginning of an extensive membership campaign. A need for structural change of the present alumni program and setting goals for changing times was noted. Your 1973 membership card or receipt will qualify you to become involved in the decision-making and needed changes in the alumni structure.

Summer Job

Terry Hammond, sophomore agricultural economics major at L.U., completed three months of training in Stillwater with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

The student-trainee program consists of planned on-the-job training during the summer, and is coupled with attendance at college for the duration of the scholastic year. It is recognized that the work-training and attendance at the educational institution are essential parts of the duties of the position. The intent of the specific program in which Terry participated was to provide an opportunity for him to work with the SCS each summer at a different location in Oklahoma to learn the SCS's organization and purpose, and to train in the various technical fields with the expressed goal, upon graduation, of becoming a professional Soil Conservationist.

Terry, a native of Bristow, received his high school diploma in 1971 from Bristow High School where he was an honor student for two years. He has returned to Langston University to continue his academic training in agricultural economics. Terry has been on the university honor roll each of the two semesters during his college attendance. He plans to spend two additional summers as a student-trainee with the SCS.

LU Has 24 New Faculty And Staff Members

LANGSTON-- Langston University has 24 faculty and staff members in new positions for 1972-73.

New positions include:

Mr. Eugene Pettis, Business Manager; Dr. Helen Carter, Director of Admissions and Records and Associate Professor in Education; Miss Mary Venable, Assistant Business Manager; and Mr. Eric Thrower, Director of Financial Aid Office.

Also, Mrs. Carolyn Burls, assistant in library; Mrs. Yvonne Montgomery, Admissions clerk; Miss Shelia Bunting, Development Intern; Mrs. Patricia Hines, secretary in CSRS (research); and Mr. Emmitt Millhouse, Counselor.

Also, Mr. Terry London and Mr. Donald Temple, Business Administration Accounting; Mrs. Dora Thigpen, Laboratory School; Mrs. Thelma Holly, Department of Education.

Alumni

The Board voted to begin the Senate Meeting on Friday, Oct. 13 at 8:00 p.m. and recess at 1:00 p.m.; continue the session Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. All loyal Langston alumni are urged to mail your 1973 membership fee of \$5.00 to Dr. James R. Ellis, Executive Secretary, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma (73050), or to the secretary of your local alumni chapter. All 1973 membership cards will be mailed to you from the office of Dr. James Ellis.

Biology Dept. News

Langston University has a crutch to bear, by virtue of the fact that it is a Black institution. Progress is slow and apathy is abundant. It is a situation most of us readily accept. But attitudes are taking a new turn in Hamilton Hall. One of the many new programs in the Biology Department is Dr. Arthur C. Washington's Slime Mold Research project, which helps bring new funds into the school and opens new job opportunities. The biology department has been further honored to have Mr. Leslie L. Love, a biochemist-technician, from the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Love, co-worker with Dr. Washington, is also co-author of approximately ten publications, attended Illinois State University, and has been doing independent research on the chemical aspects of the Slime Mold for 12 years. Mr. Love stated that he feels Langston University has great opportunity and tremendous foundation to go further into science. He will be here for only a week, but he expects to return sometime next year.

Through a summer program planned to increase the interest of pre-medical students in pursuing careers in medicine, David Moore (prospective 1972 grad) and Sharon Morgan, sophomore, were invited to attend Meharry Medical College this summer. Mr. Moore subsequently has been accepted as a graduate student at the Meharry Dental School. Ms. Morgan, returning to Langston with the highest of compliments from the Meharry staff, looks forward to taking part in the program again next summer.

Members of the Biology Department anticipate a substantial stronghold in the science-related fields, as 69% of those students majoring in Biology are in Allied Health Programs. This is an increase of 15% over last year, and it also indicates that Langston University has the potential of decreasing the deficit of minority health manpower in the nation.

The Biology Club held its first meeting on September 6, at which time some initial plans for the semester were discussed. Regular meetings will be held every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Hamilton Hall, Room 205. All Biology majors are invited.

tion, instructor and director of Curriculum Lab; Mrs. L.M. Holloway, Lab School Principal; and Mr. Glen Gibson, acting chairman of Department of Health and Physical Education and Director of Athletics.

Also, Mr. James Glover, instructor, and Dr. James R. Ellis, acting chairman of Department of Mathematics. In the Music Department are Dr. Algin Hurst, chairman and Director of Concert Choir; Mr. Beray Thigpen, Band Director; Mr. Billy C. Hines, Voice and University Choir, and Mr. Clyde Montgomery, assistant Band Director.

Two positions filled in the Department of Technology and Data Processing were Mr. William Burls, Acting Director Data Processing and Dr. Raymond Johnson, Director of Division of Applied Sciences.

Faculty News



Dr. Joy Flasch, Professor of English, Langston University, has been notified that her name has been put forward for biographical and pictorial inclusion in "The World Who's Who of Women - 1973." She recently completed a critical biography of Melvin B. Tolson, Black poet and former professor of English and drama at Langston University, who was poet laureate of Liberia from 1947 until his death in 1966. The book will be released later this year as a part of the Twayne United States Authors Series.



Dr. Mamie Slothower received the Doctor of Education in Higher Education degree from Oklahoma State University this past summer. Dr. Slothower is now beginning her eighth year at Langston University as an Associate Professor in the Division of Education. Dr. Slothower received the Bachelor of Science degree and the Master of Arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also completed further study at Oklahoma State University.

Before coming to Langston University, Dr. Slothower worked in the public school system in Mississippi and Georgia. She also had college experience working at Heiffer College in North Carolina, Erskine College in South Carolina, and Lees College in Kentucky. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Young Women's Christian Association, Oklahoma Education Association, Association of Higher Education, and the Higher Education Alumni Council.

Dr. James L. Mosley, Director of Extension Services, attended the 1972 National and Public Education Conference, in Durham, New Hampshire, Sept. 18-21.

CAMPUSCAPES

Somebody is
Watching You!!

Wanda Sterling

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Arians are positive, energetic, and ambitious. These dynamic go-getters make effective leaders, and also excellent doctors, surgeons, and chemists.
Key Words: action, leadership, initiative
Lucky Day: Tuesday

TAURUS (April 20 - May 21)
Taurians are dependable and eminently practical. They seek professions which are secure and permanent. Financial agents, accountants and stockbrokers are very often Taurians.
Key Words: patience, endurance, determination
Lucky Day: Friday

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Geminians are known for their dazzling intellect, charm, and many talents. Many are lecturers, writers, and translators. They also make good teachers and educational administrators.
Key Words: intellect, communication, adaptability
Lucky Day: Wednesday

CANCER (June 21 - July 23)
Cancerians have vivid imaginations and photographic memories. They are loving, sympathetic, and protective. Are you planning to teach? The children will love you. People born under this sign also make excellent marriage counsellors, children's nurses, and insurance brokers.

LEO (July 23 - August 22)
Leonians are magnetic, generous, and dynamic. They have great potentials to lead and command. Those born under this sign love to have other people work for them. They make great salesmen and public relations men. Leonians are also excellent ministers and pastors.
Key Words: pride, dignity, and power
Lucky Day: Sunday

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 23)
Those born under this sign are intellectuals, extremely practical, and possess a keen sense of reasoning. They like responsibility and enjoy working in fields such as library science, general mathematics, accounting, and bookkeeping.
Key Words: intellect, analysis, discrimination
Lucky Day: Wednesday

GO LIONS !!

BEAT SAVAGES!!

OCT. 14

2:00 p.m.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 23)
Librans are diplomatic, tactful, and extremely charming. They have an intense appreciation for beauty. Many are lawyers and judges. Their keen eye for beauty makes them excel in the fields of fashion, interior decorating, and hairdressing.
Key Words: harmony, balance, consonance
Lucky Day: Friday

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Scorpios are initiative, resourceful, and positive. Those born under this sign possess outstanding executive and leadership abilities. Are you a science major? Scorpios are fine surgeons and research doctors. They also make excellent chemists and biologists.
Key Words: determination, pride, insight
Lucky Day: Tuesday

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Sagittarians are lucky, good hunch players. They are good-natured, outgoing and optimistic. Many of them are found among the clergy. They are also excellent teachers of history, literature, and theology.
Key Words: intuition, luck, directness
Lucky Day: Thursday

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Capricornians have a strong faith that is easily recognized. They refuse to acknowledge defeat, and have pronounced talents for management and administration. People born under this sign are often excellent architect contractors and carpenters. Many are found in positions of a supervisory nature, such as educational administrators or executives of large corporations.
Key Words: perseverance, ambition, faith
Lucky Day: Saturday

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)
Aquarians are idealists and humanitarians. They are inventive and are free of prejudice. Inventors, electricians, telephone and television technicians are professions falling under this sign.
Key Words: spontaneity, humanitarian, independence
Lucky Day: Saturday

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)
Pisceans are creative and artistic. They are friendly, gentle, and understanding. Their compassion leads many of them to professions such as nurses, doctors, psychologists, and social workers.
Key Words: intuition, sensitive, compassion
Lucky Day: Thursday

You may not know me, but I know who you are, and I know what you have done.

Congratulations to Mrs. Virginia Schoats for her ardent and sincere attempts toward promoting student motivation. Mrs. Schoats has worked many hours assisting and directing activities including a leadership workshop scheduling, student orientation, etc.

The fighting Langston Lions and their coaches are due VIP treatment for their outstanding display of perfectability in the walloping of Kentucky State with a score of 23 to 0. Coupled with Freddie Guy, an offensive standout, and a stalwart defense, things may be exciting this year.

Watch out on your way to Guthrie! There is a highway patrolman camouflaged in the bushes, and he just loves giving us tickets.

Carlos C., I heard someone was talking to Eloise F. about love. You had better get it together.

Gerald C. and Leslie M. had better concentrate on dissecting Squalus Acanthias and not on visiting Mexico. Somebody is watching you!

If you want to pass without trying, stay out of Geography, Microbiology, Zoology and Chemistry.

Boone's Farm has been chosen the #1 beverage on campus. Bottle counts may be taken on Monday mornings, down by the Student Union.

Anthony W., student president, has proposed numerous constructive activities other than socials? We're waiting to get involved.

Yemmi S. says the ignorance toward foreign students still exists. I guess some of us have been watching Tarzan movies lately.

There were quite a few students on the brink of tears departing from the physics class the other day. That slide ruler must be bringing smoke.

Rum and coke are essential in delivering speeches in Effective Speech class. If you need some advice concerning this, contact L.C.

J.D.B. and Arthur W. are engaged to someone else, so beautiful black sisters, leave them alone.

Dr. Coleman, the student body sends their regrets and sympathies to you.

Mrs. Curry, we hope you are getting better.

Whatever you do, someone will find out about it, and in the next Gazette, everyone can check it out!

Poet's Corner

My Life's Journey

For eighteen years I traveled this way;
I reached the crossroads--chose the one that went astray;
I traveled, I traveled, and I skipped along.
Jumping, shouting, and traveling on, though I knew the way was wrong.
Oh, but one day, the sun did not shine
I looked to the left, to the right, and glanced behind.

What I saw violently shook my heart,
It was my world--falling, falling, falling apart;
And in that moment I was wracked with pain;
I felt as if I were a small kitten caught in the rain,
Bewildered, lost, and so very afraid,
I knew not which way to turn, now that the mistake had been made.

But the pain and the fear that I felt were not for me,
It was not recovery, for myself that I could not see,
But for those whom I had hurt as I traveled this way,
For those whom I had disappointed as I wandered astray;
But thank God, those people still cared
Thank God that my depression they shared.

Now each day I see my life and my values change;
I see the way clearly although the way is strange.
The way that leads to the realization of my dream,
I must reach the end, no matter how far away it seems;
I must travel on to complete success,
And that ultimate goal, joy and happiness

Yes, for eighteen years I traveled this way;
I reached the cross-roads--chose the one that went astray,
I grew wiser, but I can not undo what is done,
I must travel on, until that dream is in reality won,
Now to those who I have hurt, I apologize and say a prayer--Amen;
And I am on my way again.

--Raymond E. Harris

Marathon

The miracle of conception, the pain of birth.
Ah! And go, another life here on earth.
The life conceived and born was mine,
It's been hard, and since that time,
Born a sickly child, struggling for life.
Never dreaming of things such as trouble and strife.

After a while I recovered, and very well,
But now it was time to prepare for life's hell.
My parents wisely tried to prepare me in every way,
For the race of life that they knew I'd run one day.
They told me about the hurdles and the blistering pace,
And how I'd have to be ready for my most important race.

Yet, with all the coaching and good advice,
I am constantly the victim of surprise,
With each turn, there's a new stumbling block,
And I find myself face-to-face with a rapidly running clock;
Reminding me that I don't have forever to make a mark,
And sometimes even running blindly into the dark.

Always wondering how much more I can take,
Yet, knowing I can't afford to take a break
Failure is coming up hard on my heels,
And I don't ever want to know how defeat feels.
Everywhere along the track, temptations of wrong,
But I've got to look ahead and keep moving on.

I might not be in front each mile,
But I intend to win this race in style;
Though I don't always run confidently,
I can always see far away glimpses of victory;
Come heaven or hell, come what may
I know that I'll be a winner in my life's ending day.

Then I'll say, "Raymond, you ran a damn good race,
Be proud, you deserve to have a smile on your face.
You were presented, you worked hard, and trained well.
You went all the way, even though sometimes you fell;
Stand up--see the things you have done,
And realize that you're a victor in life's hardest marathon."

--Raymond E. Harris



Kenneth Payne (#23) tries to elude the Central State Broncho defense. Central State won the game 21-14.

Pan-African news

Black Participation

Birmingham, Alabama's Black community has long lived under the threat of racist terror and officially sanctioned violence. The bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963, which left four young sisters dead, brutally unmasked Southern racism for the eyes of the world to behold.

On September 1, 1970, 23 members of a sheriff's posse converged upon a house where five members of the Alabama Black Liberation Front were visiting, and without warning, riddled the house with bullets. Even according to police testimony, there had been no immediate provocation; not one shot had been fired from the house. And the occupants, including the two wounded and a pregnant ABLF member, were forced to crawl out on their stomachs.

Wayland Bryant, Ronald Williams and Harold Robertson were charged with assault with intent to murder. All three

were held for 16 days in a single 3 x 10 cell containing only one cot and no linen. During this time they received half-rations of food and were allowed communications with no one, not even their lawyer.

The charges against Brother Robertson were eventually dropped, but only for the purpose

of illegally extraditing violation charge. He was removed to New York with benefit of the normal extradition proceedings, although he had refused to waive his right to a hearing.

The ABLF had previously been the target of persistent police harassment and Brother Bryant and Brother Williams had been named in Birmingham newspaper as local leaders of the Black Panther Party. If convicted they can receive a 20-year prison sentence; their only crime will have been their energetic efforts to build a revolutionary mass movement among the victims of poverty and racism.

Last Message of Patrice Lumumba

MY BELOVED COMPANION:

I WRITE you these words without knowing whether they will ever reach you or when they will reach you, and whether I will still be alive when you read them. All through my struggle for the independence of my country, I have never doubted for a single instant that in the end the sacred cause to which my comrades and I have devoted our whole lives would triumph.

BUT WHAT we wanted for our country — its right to an honorable life, to a dignity without a blemish, to an independence without restrictions — Belgian colonialism and its Western allies, who found direct and indirect, deliberate and non - deliberate support among certain high officials of the United Nations (that body in which we placed all our trust when we called upon it for assistance), have never wanted.

THEY HAVE corrupted certain of our compatriots, they have bought others, they have done their part in twisting the truth and sullyng our independence. What else can I say? That whether I am dead, alive, free, or in prison by order of the colonialists, it is not my person that counts. It is the Congo, it is our poor people whose independence has been turned into a cage in which we are looked at from outside the bars, sometimes with charitable compassion, sometimes with joy and delight...

WE ARE NOT ALONE: Africa, Asia, and the free and freed peoples in every corner of the earth will always be found at the side of the millions of Congolese who will not abandon the struggle until the day when there will be no more colonizers and no more of their mercenaries in our country.

TO MY CHILDREN whom I leave behind and whom I may perhaps not see again, I want people to say that the future of the Congo is beautiful and that it expects them, as it expects every Congolese, to fulfill the sacred task of reconstructing our independence and our sovereignty; for without justice there is no dignity, and without independence there are no free men...

HISTORY WILL have its say some day, but it will not be the history that is taught in the United Nations, in Washington, Paris or Brussels, but the one that is taught in the countries that have freed themselves of colonialism and its puppets. Africa will write its own history, and both north and south of the Sahara will be a history of glory and dignity.

DO NOT WEEP for me, my companion — I know that my country, now suffering so much, will be able to defend its independence and its freedom.

LONG LIVE the Congo! Long live Africa!

PATRICE (JANUARY, 1961)
RECEIVED BY HIS WIFE, PAULINE LUMUMBA

Red, Black & Green

To all Brothers and Sisters who are not sincerely Brothers and Sisters; blackness and brotherhood are more than just an afro rake and a soul handshake. To be a true brother or sister, you must show yours if to be a brother or sister. To be black, you must show yourself to be black. Blackness is attitude and action. You must feel deeply any and all attempts to destroy black manhood. You must recognize who is your brother and sister, and you must welcome him and her with open arms and loving hearts.

On our campus are brothers from the motherland across the Atlantic. Our true brothers from the motherland recognize that they are our brothers and that we are their brothers and sisters. They welcome us with open arms.

We also have brothers here from other parts of the world. They also, know that we are all brothers and sisters.

Their struggle is, our struggle; our struggle is theirs. There is no difference between us. Our blood is the same. Abond is between us that no one can destroy. Welcome our brothers with open arms and loving hearts.

---Lasim Tushinde Mbliska
(We Shall Conquer Without a Doubt)

WE WOULD RATHER
DIE
ON OUR FEET,
THAN
LIVE
ON OUR KNEES

JOIN GAZETTE STAFF !!

Spanish Club

The name of il circula de espanol was adopted as the club name. Sponsor is Sandra Kendall. Projects were outlined for the coming year. They include: a Homecoming float, monthly meetings, Thanksgiving basket, and a Christmas party.

The members of the 9:00 Spanish class has its organizational meeting in room 115 Jones Hall, Sept. 17, 1972 and elected club officers.

The officers are Lorenzo Jacobs, president; Janise KING vice-president; Patricia Walker, secretary; Nannette Sanders, treasurer.

One of the most important persons elected was the club Spanish Queen Miss Janise King.



Seidu Sisay, a brother from Africa. . . . Read his story next issue. Also, watch for out other brothers from Africa and other parts of the world.

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Black woman, soul sister, the mistress to the Black mister. The womb of my Black nation, the necessity for the continuance of our Black population.

You've been extorted, imported, contorted, and reported. You have been used, abused, refused, and confused.

Of all the creatures which God created upon this planet, you are one of the finest examples of artistic creation and ideas which could only be conceived of by a being of such amazing grace and omnipotence that there could certainly be no way of human expression or action which could demote you or even touch you.

If there were only a way for me to really express my appreciation of your almost impossible endurance of the trying times and terrific turmoils which have been your steady partner 'lo these many years which you have endured. For yours was the gift of life which was given to me and I can do no less than make a name or a standing monument to the fact that I ever lived.

No matter what befalls the Black man in the future you shall live to carry on the never ending struggle for civil rights, racial equality, human dignity, and most of all, the recognition of a proud and supreme nation within itself.

BLACKNESS & BLACK WOMAN = BLACK LOVE
Keep on keeping on Sister, for you, if not your male counterpart, shall eventually overcome. by

J. J.

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL PRESENTS



"UNITED WE STAND"

Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Since blacks were a minority at Cornell University, seven magnificent men came up with the idea of maintaining more intimate contacts with one another than their classroom studies permitted. These seven male students were Henry Arthur Callies, Vertner W. Tandy, George B. Kelley, Charles Henry Chapman, Nathaniel A. Murray, Robert H. Ogle and Eugene Jones.

These men created the first Black Fraternity, whereby there are over 40,000 members today.

On the campus of Langston University resides the mother chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha for the state. Beta Kappa was the name given to this chapter, because it was the 54th chapter to come into existence. This marked the beginning of something new to the social aspects of campus life. Langston University was first beginning to witness the growth of Black fraternities and sororities on its campus. Yes, Alpha Phi Alpha was first in the year 1932 for Langston University.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

On January 15, 1908, a group of young women at Howard University caught the inspiration of a fellow student, Ethel Hedgeman (Lyle) and initiated the movement of Greek-letter sororities among Black women in America. Ethel Hedgeman, who introduced the original proposal and whose efforts were greatly assisted by Ethel Robinson, a teacher of English at Howard, was joined in this unique venture by Lillie Burke, Beulah Burke, Margaret Flagg Holmes, Marie Weekfolk Taylor, Lavinia Norman, Anna Brown, Lucy D. Slowe and Marjorie Hill.

Before June 1908, a group of sophomore girls, namely, Joanna Berry Shields, Norma Boyd, Ethel Jones, Sadie Meriweather (Nutter), Alice Murray, Carrie Snowden and Harriet Terry, had been impressed by the new sorority. They were chosen to complete the first group. One year later on February 11, 1909, the first initiation was held in one wing of the attic of Miner Hall.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity members assisting Mr. Charlie Jones. Pictured from L. to R. are L. Kilpatrick, Dr. A. C. Washington, sponsor, M. Milben, Mr. Jones, Darrell Banks, Richard Garrett, Marvin Simpson, and Michael Jerry.

Omegas Sponsor "Project Black Hope"

During the summer of 1971 the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity launched its "Project

Black Hope." The project

was the construction of a pond on the farm of Mr. Charlie Jones, a black Logan County farmer under the Rural Environment Assistance Program. Members of the fraternity assisted financially in the construction of the pond and later helped Mr. Jones stock the pond with fish. They felt the program was worthwhile, and they were more than willing to devote their time in working on the pond. The project represents one of the many service activities of the organization.

Last summer, Omegas sprigged the ground around the

Sigma Gamma Rho

Fifty years ago, seven young ladies on the campus of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., saw the need for sororities to embrace the highest ideals of womanhood. These young ladies sought to uphold three standards: scholarship, personality and character. On November 12, 1922 a group was organized. Thus Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was born. Since that time, thousands of young ladies have found the light and have walked through these immortal doors. Bound by ties of love and sisterhood, each of the sorors has done her part to make the historic highlights of Sigma.

Having adopted the slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress," we have found, as did Madame Curie, that nothing is to be feared, it is only to be

pond with bermuda grass.

After the sprigging chore was completed, Mr. Jones and his wife showed their appreciation by serving refreshments to members of the fraternity. Mrs. Jones said, "It is so nice of them to take time to do this for us."

The Omegas at Langston are off to a good start this year. The officers of the undergraduate chapter are Marvin Simpson, Basileus; Ricardo Curtis, Vice Basileus; Richard Garrett, KRS; Prinson Poindexter, KF, and Dr. A. C. Washington, sponsor.

We extend greetings and best wishes to the Langston University students and alumni.

understood. Since the organization of Sigma, many dreams have become realities, many seemingly impossibilities have come to pass, and the world has been made richer. Many achievements have been accomplished through the years, on both the national and local levels.

GREEK



RECEIVES KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP--The Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity awarded their annual \$500 Scholarship to Mr. Ulysses Wright, a sophomore at Langston University, majoring in Agriculture Economics. Left to right are Dr. James Mosley, Director of Extension Services; Mr. Booker Morgan, Director of the Graphic Arts Center; Mr. Wright, Dr. William Sims, President and Dr. Bernard Crowell, Executive Assistant to the President. Mr. Wright, a native of Boley, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timmie Wright. He is the oldest of 8 children at home and the 4th of 11 children in the family. The Kappa Scholarship is presented annually to an outstanding student exemplifying those unique qualities of scholastic achievement, leadership, ability and dedication for today's youth. Funds toward the continuation of the scholarship for providing financial aid to a worthy and needy student are raised through the Oklahoma City Chapter sponsoring various functions throughout the year.

Blacks in convention rolls

The black Caucus is a representative of ours in the American government. In the past our black politicians have only been seen and not heard. Through the Black Caucus all black people are heard because they speak for the right and dignity of black people. The Black Caucus has been labeled as a group

of radicals simply because they

Vote

Do you know whether or not you need to vote by absentee ballot in the November election? You obviously do if you'll be traveling and unable to get to the polls on Election Day. But you also need an absentee ballot if you attend college in a state that requires students to vote where their parents live and you don't want to make a trip home just to vote.

Check with your local elections board or League of Women Voters if you aren't sure whether or not you can vote in your college town. (To double-check, you can write your Secretary of State or write to Youth Citizenship Fund, Inc., 2317 "M" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Your local elections board or League of Women Voters can also tell you where to get an absentee ballot when you need one. And since deadlines vary from state to state, your safest bet is to do it now. (If you've already left for college and realize now that you will need an absentee ballot, write to your hometown elections board or equivalent office and ask for one to be sent to you by mail.)

--Courtesy of Glamour Mag.

express the high standings of black people in the future.

Moving ahead into the future we see a growth and power awaiting black politicians. They already have built a foundation on the strength and support of black people. The discrimination and the biased reports and attitudes can not tear down a foundation built with adequate support. The black politicians have realized the great need for civil representation of its people and are trying very hard to give it to them. Therefore, the black politicians are in, and are going to stay.

SGA

Student Government Association speaks for the students on any type of issue presented. It is our aim this year to prevent negative attitudes of SGA with the event of promoting school pride among the students as well as to the staff and faculty members.

Rap sessions, which are open to all students to come and share their complaints or to give suggestions, will be held first and third Tuesdays of each month starting in November. Bulltins will be posted to inform you of the time.

The Student Senate is composed of two representatives from each class and they work closely with SGA. We have not received any names from the classes; we ask that you submit these names or representatives to the office of SGA.

TOPIC: Presidential Election Methods

The method of electing our President has not been without its challenges. The founding forefathers did not intend for the people to vote directly for the President or Vice President.

The presidential electors are collectively known as the Electoral College. The electoral college's procedures are as follows: Each state is given one vote for each of its members in Congress which until 1964 totaled 535--one hundred for the Senators and 435 for members of the House of Representatives. In 1964, the total was increased to 538 with the addition of three electoral votes from the District of Columbia under a provision of

located in the Student Union as soon as possible.

Money has been allotted to assist the classes for activities. If your class needs financial assistance, an officer should come by SGA office to recommend the amount; sophomore class has received their necessary funds.

SGA will lease the con-auditorium to clubs or organizations. Contact SGA for further information.

Activities scheduled during Homecoming week will include: Oct. 8- Movie (Dr. Phibes Rises Again); Oct. 9- Spirit Sign Spirit Day; Oct. 11- Movie; Oct. 12 - Dust to Dawn Dance; Oct. 14 - Kool and the Gang.

the 23rd Amendment.

Who are these presidential electors? The electors are ordinary citizens designated by their respective parties as candidates for the November election. At first they were not obligated to vote for any specific candidate. During the evolution of political parties, however, the customs developed that the electors chosen to represent the party would pledge on their honor to vote for the party candidate. In most states, there is no legal requirement that they must do so. The electors who are chosen by the public in the November election must meet in their respective states on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December.

If no Presidential candidate receives an absolute majority of the electors' votes, the choice of President is resolved in the House of Representatives. Only the three highest candidates in the electoral college are then candidates in the House balloting. The vote is then by state delegation with each state having only one vote. This is known as the "unit rule." If no Vice Presidential candidate receives a majority in the electoral college, the choice goes to the Senate with the choice between the two highest in the electoral college poll. The Senators vote as individual members, not as units of state delegations. An absolute majority is required to elect a Vice President.

It is understandable that fears of a constitutional crisis in 1968 were raised by George Wallace's third party candidacy which threatened to deny any of the presidential candidates a majority of the

electoral votes, and throw the election into the House of Representatives, where Wallace would gain a bargaining power to influence the national administration. This fear was further heightened when one of the electors for North Carolina who was pledged to vote for Nixon, instead, cast his ballot for Wallace.

Fortunately a constitutional crisis was averted. On December 16, 1968, the 538 electors met in the 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia and cast 301 votes from 32 states for Nixon and Agnew; 191 votes from 13 states for Humphrey and Muskie; and 46 votes from 5 states (including the one defector from North Carolina) for Wallace and Lemay. Thus, Nixon and Agnew emerged very definite and absolute majorities.

In the event the election of the President would have been decided by the House of Representatives and that of the Vice President by the Senate, it is a virtual impossibility to say what the final outcome would have been. One thing is certain, one of the results of the interim would have been chaos.

But it speaks well of the American democratic process that the opening of the ballots from the electors was overseen by Vice President Humphrey--the loser--who presided over the joint House-Senate session. It proves once again that the change of administration need not be accompanied

by violence and bloodshed as is so common in a number of other parts of the world.

--Marvin Battle



"You can be Black and Navy too" is the latest watchword of our seagoing services. While emphasizing BLACKS, since this is our country's largest ethnic minority, today's Navy is seeking young, qualified Minority Group individuals (men and women) of all minorities to fill demanding and rewarding executive positions. In our streamlined and forward-looking Navy, a young BLACK can fly, ride a ship of any size or variety, ride a nuclear submarine, or perhaps qualify for land-based duty. All phases of Navy life, from doctor to diver, from pilot to PT-boat are open to every BLACK who qualifies.

Earnest Millhouse, a prospective 1972 graduate of Langston University, will start officer training September 23, and upon comple-

tion of 19 weeks, he will be a Naval Officer--who is something special. There are others of you here at Langston who qualify and now is the time for you to start thinking about what you want to do when you leave here.

Lieutenant (jg) Dee T. Womack, Minority Programs Officer for the State of Oklahoma (for the U. S. Navy) will be on campus September 15 to discuss opportunities available and will explain the various programs of the Navy. He will be in the Hale Student Union from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., so stop by and "rap" with him; because in today's Navy, "YOU CAN BE BLACK AND NAVY TOO!"

Call this number toll-free: 1-800-522-3333

SPORTS

Lions Ride Thorobreds

The proud Thoroughbreds of Kentucky State are a rugged team to beat, however, the Mighty Lions rode them September 9, as the Lions went on to shut out the Thoroughbreds 23-0.

Rained soaked Anderson Field was the place where the Mighty Lions proved that their defense was so strong it could not be penetrated. The offense decided to let the Thorobreds defense be the first of the season to experience their mighty passing and rushing combination. The victory placed the Lions 2nd in the first rating of the conference. Southwestern is rated number one.

The Lions had a game. 233 yards came from the excellent display of rushing by LU's backs. The remaining yardage came from the precision-thrown and timed passes of junior, quarterback whiz, Prinson Poindexter.

Super back, Freddie Guy, 5'11 junior from Spencer, had a total of 11 carries and 150 total yards for an impressive 13.7 yards per carry. Richard Whitaker, 5'9 junior from Muskogee, Oklahoma, ran 47 rugged yards in 7 carries for a total average of 6.5 yards per carry. Mike Tribble, 5'10 sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., carried twice for 5 yards for a total of 2.5 yards per carry. Clarence James, 6'1 senior, ran 28 yards in 12 carries for an average of 2.4 yards per carry. Offensively the Lions scored three touchdowns.

Despite the muddy gridiron and the slippery football, Poindexter hit 6'3 Kenneth Payne early in the first quarter for a 73 yard touchdown play.

This was only part of the beautifully exhibited offense. Freddie Guy ran the ball into quarter for another Lion TD. The score was 14-0 at halftime. The Mighty Lions were just as aggressive in the remaining half. In the early moments of the 3rd quarter the Lions got a drive started which went 68 yards and ended in a 1 yard run by James for the 21-0 in favor of the Lions. After another substandard drive the Lions tried for a field goal but was not successful.



Tigers Down Lions

The Lions left

Jefferson City, Missouri on a sad note as they fell to the Tigers of Lincoln University 15-9. The loss gave the Lions a 1-1 overall record.

The Lions were the first to score as Kenneth Payne, a junior, caught a 51 yard touchdown pass from Prinson Poindexter in the second quarter. The attempt at the extra point failed.

The Lincoln Tigers were not to be out done and scored with 1:45 left in the second quarter, when Phil Doolin caught a 19 yard pass from quarterback James Lang. The attempt for a 2 point conversion failed and the teams retired at 12:58 on the clock. Willie Burks ran a 60 yard punt return to make the score 13-6. The LU Tigers scored once again in the fourth quarter, with the clock at 1:45, as Anthony Brown was credited with a safety.

Statistically the Lions outplayed the Tigers. The Lions had 11 first downs compared to Lincoln's 7 first downs. Prinson Poindexter, Langston's quarterback, threw 21 passes completing 24 of those passes for 187 yards; Lincoln's quarterback James Lang, threw 21 passes completing 6 for 122 yards. The Langston Lions total offensive yardage was 263 yards compared to 250 for Lincoln.

"One definition of a Negro is A Negro is one Who believes that in the end the white boy will win... And we, I say, will be happy slaves."

— Imamu Baraka (April 18, 1972)

Langston Lions Fall To Cameron and CSU

The Langston Lions now have a 0-2 record in conference play.

The Lions barely lost their road game to Cameron, 33-22. The Lions fought bravely in that contest. The second conference game pitted the Lions against Central State University at Anderson Field.

The score of that game was 21-14 in favor of Central State University.

Prinson Poindexter, junior quarterback, launched 33 aerials against the Central State secondary, and 15 of them found the mark.

The Lions allowed only 32 yards on 6 pass attempts with four completions.

Central State made the first touchdown with a 12 yd. run by quarterback Mike Jones in the first quarter. Marcus Jones booted the extra point. Central State scored again in the second quarter with a 1 yard pitch-out to Wooley.

Jones again kicked the extra point.

Langston with 8:50 to go in the second quarter, scored on a 1 yard run by Ronald Goodie. Alphonso Post kicked the extra point making the score 14-7 at halftime.

The Lions came back in the third quarter to make a touchdown on a 59 yard drive in 8 plays with 5:58 on the clock. Poindexter threw a 5 yard pass to Ananias Carson for the touchdown. The extra point by Post tied the score at 14-14.

The score wasn't tied for long. Early in the fourth quarter CSU fullback James Hooks ran 4 yards for the final touchdown. Marcus Jones booted the extra point making the final score 21-14.

SPORTS

BASEBALL The Langston Lions began fall baseball practice last Wednesday. From all indications, they look good. While the football team ventured to Lincoln, the baseball team heads for Oscar Rose Jr. College. Let's don't forget about them. Good Luck, Lions!

FOOTBALL A flag football tournament will be played soon. The date for this tournament will be posted as soon as all participating teams have signed up. As much competition as possible is welcomed. Last year's champions were Oklahoma City, and they are determined to repeat history.

Freddie Guy was the leading rusher against Kentucky State in the Lions' 23-0 victory at Kentucky State. More power to you, Freddie. Let's show Southeastern "who is boss."



Ananias Carson is running from a KSC player as another Langstonite blocks for him.



Above are the Langston University Cheerleaders, cheering the team on to victory at the Kentucky State football game.

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Editorials

Student Elections Questioned

Are the students who are elected into key offices on Langston's campus dedicated? One cannot say that such elected students are not dedicated, but neither can he claim that the elected member is dedicated if he is ineffective, soon forgotten, or disappear altogether. Of course our student body wants a leader who is favorably popular, in good standing with the school's administration, and above all show potential for becoming a future community leader. But it is questionable whether or not this annual election is held mainly for a distinguished entry on the officer's transcript, or maybe only for the privilege of dancing with the queen at the coronation.

If these are the real reason why the elected leaders are not effective after getting into office, the I would say that he is not dedicated, but only interested in his personal gains. If this is not true, then why are we, the student body, unable to see the results of his effectiveness? Semester after semester, we are deprived by such leaders. The campus apathy is so widespread that once the leader is put into office, there is no follow-up as to whether or not he does what he said.

Is he not proud of us? Are we ashamed of our leader? Why did he stage a campaign? Who put him into office? Are we satisfied with this pseudo leadership? Do we care the least? Or are we just indifferent? There is no sure way of testing one's sincerity before the time for being sincere comes about. But to look around and notice who's working toward solving campus problems is certainly a good lead.

On August 25, 1972 a leadership Workshop was held. Eleven concerned students attended that workshop. Where was the future Miss Langston? Where was the football queen? Where were our hopeful SGA and BSU leaders? Were all of the candidates among the few who showed up at the workshop? Perhaps these eleven students are Langston's most willing workers; and if they are not, then where were the others? But this small group, I'm proud to say sacrificed two days of their summer vacation, and some away from their homes and family, came to gain knowledge to help bring about some favorable changes on our campus. And putting dedicated students into key offices is only one change among many that is about to be affected.

Now, listen!...

Have you noticed the pictures of the way Langston University was supposed to have looked in the year of 1970? This same goal is suppose to be set for the year of 1980. Does anyone know why? Can anybody say that this goal will be accomplished? Is it just another dream?

If you are a true Langstonite, you must play an important part in the improvement of our beloved university. Let's keep the campus clean. Let's keep up the dormitories. Don't tear up utilities built for our own convenience. Have school pride.

Remember, Dear Langston doesn't owe you a thing. You owe everything to Langston.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

We are presently residing in the El Reno microcosm. Life here is categorically different from life in the macrocosm. Social regimentation is the pivotal commodity, and we are the product. Incarceration is a flagrant situation and in many predicaments, can be traumatic to one's character. We have become cognizant of America's gregarious institutions. We like to communicate and visit with sisters and brothers who have socio-political sentiment, and who are concerned about the situation that black people find themselves in, here in Babylon. We deeply feel that real communication is vis-a-vis communication. We are hopeful you will print our letter in your Gazette. Anyone concerned should please contact Roy B. Sherman #33412, Box 1500, El Reno, Oklahoma 73036.

Thank you,
Roy B. Sherman

An Observation From Summer Orientation

Interestingly enough, the freshmen students are quite serious about obtaining an education. They want a solid curriculum, and are not as interested in the "frills" of social activities as is often believed. But--it (the subjects) must be relevant to the issues of the community--especially the black community.

The drug problem is at home, and they expect to face it in college. They are more prepared for the drug traffic compared to entering freshmen a few years ago, and they are serious about the detrimental effects of drugs on their college career.

Do they expect the college degree to lead into a meaningful job experience? They replied that they did, and that was one of their reasons for coming to college; not so much to gain monetary advantages, but using their education as a legitimate means of helping others.

They would like to teach in order to encourage and train other black children who have already been educationally-crippled enough. This means serious application to their studies. They want to be lawyers to help dissolve miscarriages of justice and all sorts of legal trickery that their people have suffered. They have a great desire to help people develop their bodies through physical education. They want to become a part of the jazz and concert fields.

Can you believe that these people are the products of a "permissive society?" There is more of a concern for humanity among these students than I have witnessed in my lifetime. I cannot turn them on with the opportunity for higher salaries, even though many of them have been denied even the minimum comforts of life. They want to help others.

Can we do no less? Yes, this was a different orientation, for it did not necessarily open the eyes of the entering college freshmen, but it most certainly opened mine. There is hope

and optimism for the world. If we can produce young people like this from the ghettos and the deprived areas of our country, then surely we're not all bad.



Question: Is Pledging Necessary?

Perhaps astrologists are correct in their claims that man's behavior is closely linked to and influenced by the position of the astral bodies, especially the planets. I am inclined to this notion because each year, with the advent of the autumnal equinox, there recurs on college campuses throughout the land, an outbreak of Greek-letter insanity; an insanity during which the real purpose for the students' presence in school is obscured by a fancied raison d'être, which has as its primary purpose for one's enrollment to swell the ranks of a favored social society with quantitative numbers. I speak of quantitative numbers because their appears to be no concern (in most instances) for the calibre and the quality of the individuals who are to affiliate with the "grand and glorious" brotherhood or sisterhood, and who are to participate in the esoteric rituals of the same.

The whole process is a charade, and in most Greek-letter organizations it makes mockery of the, at one time, noble principles and precepts to which these societies (each and everyone) initially subscribed. The madness and the insanity is evidenced by the total disregard of the natural laws of humanity and dignity, as well as a premeditated and purposeful flouting of the laws and rules laid down to govern initiations into Greek-letter societies by the national headquarters of each society and by the University administration.

It is insanity, it is madness, because some of the rituals and practices of Greek-letter societies have bordered on the lowest of moral depravity, of diseased spirits and souls, of individuals, who were fortunate enough to have been born before the pledges, and consequently matriculated earlier, use their position to bolster a sick and cancerous attitude of self. These depraved souls resort to all sorts of sadistic tortures to gratify their masochistic desires. All this is done in the name of making an initiate "prove" his or her "manhood" or "womanhood." In other words, to see if the initiate can "take it," whatever such nonsense means.

To my way of thinking, anyone who willingly would submit to such inhuman, degrading experiences, simply in order to "belong" (I use this word reservedly) to an organization is just as sick and depraved as the so-called "Big Brother" (who should protect his less defenseless, smaller brother) or "Big Sister" who gets his or her "kicks" out of inflicting cruel punishment upon others. (Remember, all the pledge wants to do is to join, and for this, he is punished.) Ask yourself, "Is this type of behavior rational? What crime has the pledge committed?" Then, perhaps the fool is guilty--because he or she allows the insane person to commit this crime against humanity. THINK ABOUT IT!

There is hope, however, that this sickness can be checked, even if it is not completely eradicated. I propose a simple solution--a procedure so simple that its simplicity makes it difficult, for it is what I now suggest that will prove your manhood or womanhood. All I suggest is that you stand up for what is RIGHT. That, and nothing more. Remember that once you have been accepted to join such a group, and once you have paid the required fee, all else that you need do is to go through the ritual prescribed by the national headquarters. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT TO ANY TYPE OF HAZING.

What if hazing starts? (This is important.) Just ask that your money be returned. I doubt that any Greek-letter society will refund your fee and then inform the national chapter or university administration that they refunded the money because you refused to demean yourself, and mankind, as well. Do you think they would? I know for a fact that they dare not.

One final question: By joining a sorority or fraternity, will you actually prove yourself a man or a woman? The answer lies with YOU!

--Delos